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A mother waits

Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg of New York and her three other children—David, Lena and Ethel—have never lost faith in the innocence and ultimate vindication of her youngest child, Julius, and her daughter-in-law Ethel. Some time ago they requested an audience with President Eisenhower; they have received no reply.

War decisions 'already taken' call for more U.S. blood and sacrifice

By Tabitha Petran

ON Capitol Hill the semblance of another "Great Debate" developed in the wake of the President's order "releasing" Chiang Kai-shek to attack China. Totally ignoring China's recent renewed proposal for an immediate Korea cease-fire, the "debate"—spurred by retiring Gen. Van Fleet's assertions that a UN offensive could be successful and atomic weapons "save friendiy lives"—embraced:

- Demands for "bolder" steps by China Lobby Congressmen: China blockade by Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo.), House Armed Services Comm. chairman, following "secret" testimony by Pacific Fleet Comdr. Adm. Radford; use of atomic weapons, invasion of Manchuria by Sen. Bridges (R-N. H.), Senate pres. pro tem; hints by Sen. Knowland (R-Cal.), chairman Republican Policy Comm., that "a more aggressive Far Eastern policy, which he has long advocated, was now in the making" (N. Y. **Herald Tribune**, 2/15).
- Expressions of alarm from some Democrats (Sens. Anderson, N. M., Sparkman, Ala.) over the risk of war

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WASHINGTON INSIDERS SAY

Brownell urged Ike to spare Rosenbergs

By John B. Stone

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16

COUPLED with the astounding disclosure of the Justice Department's suppression of a move for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg made by Pope Pius XII last December, the GUARDIAN learned exclusively today that government Pardons Atty. Daniel M. Lyons, with the approval of Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell jr., had recommended clemency. News of their attitude has been totally suppressed.

On indisputable authority the GUARDIAN learned that at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, two hours before President Eisenhower announced his rejection of the clemency bid, word had gone out from the Justice Dept. that the recommendation was favorable. The news flashed through upper echelons in Washington and was promptly phoned to New York, where planning began at once for a long campaign to prove the Rosenbergs' innocence and finally vindicate them.

"WE KEEP IT QUIET": When the President's statement was announced at 5:03 p.m., a half-hour after Brownell arrived at the White House, the shock was even greater to those aware of the earlier news than it was to the millions who were ignorant of it.

Efforts to obtain official confirmation of the earlier report have met with a blank wall of silence from the Justicce Dept. The government's refusal to make public the Lyons-Brownell recommendation is in flat contradiction to a declaration—highly critical of the Truman administration—made by Brownell on Jan. 30:

> Henceforth all pardons and commutations will be a matter of public record. The names of persons recommending the pardons and commutations will also be a matter of public record. The new policy was approved by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Brownell and Lyons were "not available" for comment. But Justice Dept. Information Officer G. Frederick Mullen, when asked about the contradiction between the policy of openness and the secrecy in the Rosenberg case, blushingly said:

> "But this is different. When a favorable action is taken we make the recommendation public and give the person credit. When the action is unfavorable we keep the thing quiet."

Thousands resume White House clemency vigil

On St. Valentine's day more than 2,000 earnest Americans began the second round-the-clock vigil before the White House. Gathering at 2 p.m. under a bright blue sky and sparkling sun, they formed a giant sausage-like hollow ellipse and prayed with Rev. Harold S. Williamson that the Rosenbergs' lives be saved for the sake of their country.

A special police detachment looked embarrassed. The President was not within earshot: he had been playing

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Execution date speeded up

On Monday morning Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman rejected pleas by the defense for a delay long enough to permit exhaustion of all legal avenues still open. He set the week of Mar. 9—three weeks away—for the execution of the Rosenbergs.

McGranery suppressed Pope's clemency plea in Dec.

FOR two days last week many a face in the Justice and State Depts. and the White House glowed red with embarrassment. The fact that Pope Pius XII last December (while Truman was President) had intervened in the Rosenberg Case had been suppressed, and became known only through publication of an item in Rome by the Vatican's **Osservatore Romano.** Both Truman and Eisenhower denied knowledge of any action by the Pope.

The question in the capital was: Who had received the communication, what had he done with it? All files were searched in vain for any mention of it.

"OUR OWN CONSCIENCE": Off the coast of Florida ex-Atty. Gen. James P. McGranery—a prominent Catholic layman, knighted by the Pope—was vacationing on his yacht. When news of the Pope's suppressed message became known, he headed for shore, hurried to Palm Beach. There he admitted that the Vatican's Apostolic Delegation in Washington had discussed with him the Pope's interest in the Rosenberg case, but that he did not report it and made no note of it because

> . . . the Apostolic Delegate never submitted anything to me in writing. I did not transmit this message to the President or the State Dept. . . . The matter ended there so far as I was concerned.

He conceded the Vatican had a right to express an interest in the case, "but then it was up to us to act according to our own laws and conscience."

"NUMEROUS, URGENT APPEALS": The explanation made few happy. The Vatican had reacted promptly with two statements, both made public and in writing this time. Apostolic Delegate Amleto Cicognani declared following **Osservatore Romano's** report:

> At the request of the Holy See, the Apostolic Delegation last December communicated to the Dept. of Justice the fact that the Holy Father had received numerous and urgent appeals for intervention with intercession in behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, which, out of motives of charity proper to his Apostolic Office without being able to enter into the merits of the cases, His Holiness felt appropriate to bring to the attention of the U. S. civil authorities.

"MANY NEW DEMANDS": In a letter addressed to Sherman Adams, asst. to the President, Cicognani added:

> In view of the many reports that have appeared in the press I felt that I should inform you of this statement directly.
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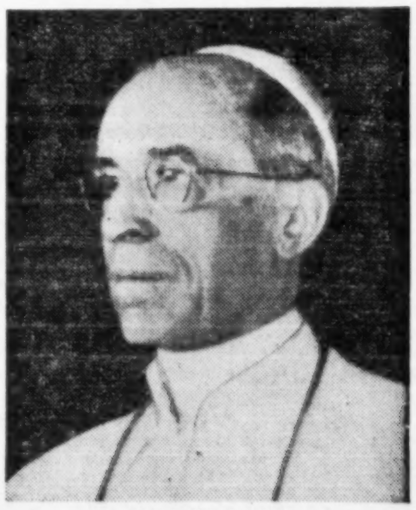
> Furthermore, I am directed by the Holy See to inform the competent U. S. authorities that many new demands are being received at the Vatican urging the Holy Father to intervene for clemency in behalf of the Rosenbergs and that Leftist newspapers insist that His Holiness has done nothing. I will be most grateful if you will notify this to the President.

THE WEEK-END WONDER: First U.S. press reactions gave banner headlines to the Pope's intervention, but over the week-end most newspapers decided the Pope hadn't intervened at all—merely passed on protests by others. But **Osservatore Romano's** report was clear:

> As he has mercifully done in other similar cases, so also in this one he has not failed to intervene, as much as it was possible for him to do so in view of the absence of any official relations with the competent government authority.



POPE PIUS XII
Washington wasn't interested

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There could be no richer retort to those who would like to throttle this tormenting voice (which started the world ferment now reaching its highest pitch against the execution of the Rosenbergs, for example) than for its readers to proclaim now—at the start of 1953—that the paper will be sustained the whole year 'round.

SO YOUR PLEDGE, PLEASE. Sign up now, and enable us to announce in our first March issue that the GUARDIAN sustaining campaign has gone over the top for '53.

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A PLEDGE OF $1 a month or any amount, with all the costs and causes confronting most of us, is a bit of a stopper for most people, we know. But we think we've hit upon something which will make not only your GUARDIAN pledge painless but will find money for other causes you want to support.

Your pennies and nickels, dropped into some kind of a container every evening when you're in for the night, will mount up magnificently in a month if you'll do it faithfully. The pennies accumulate in odd change from sales taxes, fares etc.; and the nickels in your pocket or purse have become the most unspendable coin in the realm (even 5c candles are unabashedly 6c!)

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—THE EDITORS

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THE MAIL BAG

Angels all

AVON PARK, FLA.

O to be an Angel
And with the Angels stand!

I enclose a dollar that was given to me to buy my Christmas dinner. I was invited out to dinner so here's the dollar. **May Walden**

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OTTAWA, KAN.

Every new issue of the GUARDIAN comes like fresh air. Sometimes we get two at a time, or even a later issue ahead of an earlier one, which suggests that down at the Post Office or among the Powers that Be somebody finds our little paper worth perusing. Our very best wishes for 1953.

Doris and Ira Meade

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

If the heroic young Rosenberg couple are saved, you will have helped more than any other, in bringing the case to the attention of the world, and organizing a world protest against this attempted legal murder of apparently innocent young parents. So thank you and thank you for that magnificent job, done under such difficulties and with so little money.

Barbara Nestor

We need you, too

YORK, PA.

Saw a copy of your publication a few weeks ago. Don't know why I've never seen it before—but I need its information.

(Rev.) Earl N. Bergerstock

In memory

HASTINGS, N. Y.

The enclosed check is sent in memory of Dr. Gerti Dooneief who died January 23, 1953.

Claire Johnson Hurwitt

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

Enclosed $15 in memory of my friend, Dr. Gerti Dooneief.

Helen Rosen

$5 worth of hope

PUEBLO, COLO.

Congratulations on a good year and on a good fight. The shadows darken and the people are forced to take sides in the conflict between good and evil, but a light also shines through and a great hope fills our hearts. Many thanks to you for your fine analysis of the news and quiet words of encouragement in the past year. I shall try to make my contribution $5 a month instead of $3 this year.

Mrs. Harvey Weeks

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BLOOMFIELD, CONN.

Too bad the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights couldn't have been put in a safe place before the Trumans, Tom Clarks, FBI Hoovers and their ilk had shot so many holes in them that our Founding Fathers would never recognize in them today the ideas and ideals they envisioned when they founded this government.

Here is another little donation to help in your valiant efforts to let the people know what the government will really be, when we common people have the common sense to elect leaders who not only have the intelligence to understand, but also the real desire to carry out those principles. **Fred M. Mansur**

He'll "come again"

COLONY, OKLA.

I expect this $10 is the last I will ever make to the GUARDIAN. For over 50 years I have been trying to help papers that tried to secure justice for the common people. The little old **Appeal to Reason** was my first love. I sent it 260 subs in 1901 and distributed 200 of the Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone edition. I did all I could for most of them from the **Rip-Saw** to the **American Guardian**, saw them all die because the people they fought for were too d----d ignorant to support them. I am 86 and have not been able to do much for the GUARDIAN, but if you are able to arouse and rally your readers I will be only too glad to "come again."

J. D. McWilliams

How crazy can you get dept.

ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 31 — (AP)—Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, prime minister of Greece, proposed that the Nobel Peace Prize be awarded to former President Truman of the United States.

"All his efforts and thoughts have been devoted to maintain world peace," Papagos said.

—Rocky Mt. News, Feb. 1.

One-year free sub to sender of each item printed under this heading. Winner: Pearl Cline, Montrose, Colo.

Freedom's front line

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Although we dread to face the fact, our government is trying to do to us and the world what Hitler did to the Germans and to Europe. We are very fortunate if we are among those in America who know the facts and have the conscience to live accordingly. But our responsibility is unique in history—we have the possibility of saving the world from destruction at the very point in history when man's dreams are closest to realization.

This is a heavy burden, but not so heavy that we cannot feel the hands of Spartacus and the brave Crispus Attucks; the French against Louis XVI; John Brown and Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass; and the increasing millions these years since, like Moranda Smith, William Patterson, Howard Fast, Paul Robeson—and so many others overseas and here amongst us; helping us carry the glorious burden of brotherhood.

Your paper helps us in this a lot. You are in the front line for freedom. **Bill Mc.**

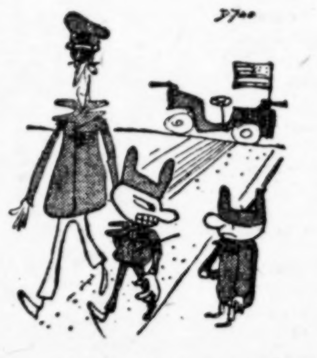
Wanted—a worker's party

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

"A Progressive" of N. Y. C. wrote Jan. 8, on the need for the Progressive Party to abandon its "liberal-capitalist program" for a forthright "socialist, anti-war, anti-capitalist platform"—in short, a workingman's party. This idea is mine also. Now is the time for such a party—more than ever!

In common struggle,

Raymond Rector



Drawing by Dyad, London

"Say hot dog to the general or I'll have you screened."

A word to Peggy

LAWTON, OKLA.

May I offer these remarks to Peggy Carter, who objects to a GUARDIAN policy "occasionally appearing to endorse socialism"?

Dear Peggy: You seem to be unconscious that your life is about half socialistic now, and I dare say you wouldn't want to exchange a single feature of it for a corporate institution. You can't get away from home without the benefit of a social institution, your public streets. I assume the water is city-owned; if so, every drink of water you take is by benefit of a social institution. The sewer system, public parks, schools, etc., are social institutions. Our army and navy and our Panama Canal (our protection) are all socially-owned. Our Federal Land Bank and our R. E. A. systems are social institutions to say nothing of the thousands of small co-operatives all over our land.

Has either of the old parties even suggested an explanation why our farmers are selling their corn at $1.75 per bu. and we buying it back as breakfast food (with but little waste) at $45 per bu.—or why our farmers are selling cow hides at about $6 per hide and we buying it back as shoes at $300 or $400 per hide? Good wishes, Peggy.

W. J. Watkins

Chip on a shoulder

WARWICK, R. I.

We are engaged in a cold war with Russia, and the only reason why it has not turned into a hot one of the shooting kind is because we have not been able to goad Russia into getting into it. We have done about everything possible to force Russia to "knock that chip off'n our shoulder."

A cold war is a war of nerves, and the weapons used are the big lie, propaganda and subversive activities against those we are at war with. So, if Russia indulges in any kind of dirty tactics against us, we already do our share of that. Joe Stalin is no saint and does not pretend to be one either. We have some devils here also who could make a monkey out of old Joe.

Harry Truman said "Joe is a good guy," which is quite true, but ganging up on him and holding a gun and an atomic bomb up in front of Joe's nose is no friendly act. I know if it were Joe who did all that we would have given him a push in the face long ago. **James Rooney**

Sad but true

HERMOSA BEACH, CALIF.

Here's a little true story: a Texan friend took his two little California born sons to Texas to visit and every time they stopped at a service station in Texas, the kids made a bee-line for the drinking fountain marked "Colored." Their father yanked them away every time until finally they flew into a tantrum, stamped and cried: "We never do get to see what color the water is!" Dad hadn't thought to initiate them into jimcrow. **Kate C. Young**

"Danger and Menace"

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I enclose a quotation from an address Justice David J. Brewer of the U. S. Supreme Court, delivered on June 1, 1904, before the Albany Law School:

"No one can be blind to the fact that these mighty corporations are holding out most tempting inducements to lawmakers to regard in their lawmaking those interests rather than the welfare of the nation. . . . There may be no written agreement. There may be in fact no agreement at all, and yet when the lawmaker understands that that power exists which may make for his advancement or otherwise, that it will be exerted according to the pliancy with which he yields to its solicitations, it lifts the corporation into a position of constant danger and menace to republican institutions."

A. Garcia Diaz

Things are rotten all over

BORNHOLM, DENMARK

At the same time Ike is protecting the "democratic" rights of Formosa, General Ridgway is busy convincing the Danish foreign minister to accept American protection in the form of bases and airplanes with manpower to protect little, poor Denmark from the Big Bad Bear. The people here do not like this kind of protection and are asking what next—with 150,000 unemployed and housing shortages, while more money is voted to buy protection from the Rockefeller-Morgan interests. Best regards to all friends in the U. S.

Andy Overgard

Not dead enough

MINERAL SPRINGS, CALIF.

News Note: "The Collector of Internal Revenue is now the Director of Internal Revenue."

The Collector of Internal Revenue is dead!
Let gladness and joy unrestrained be spread.
Long live the Director of Internal Revenue!
You've noted the difference; or haven't you?
(Refrain from sending your dough collect.
Merely remit the cash direct.)

Erma Light

Easy descent

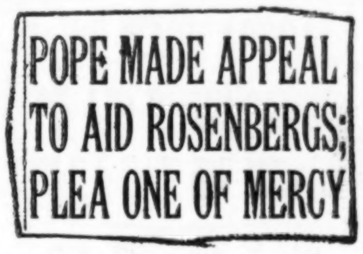
OLYMPUS, GA.

Those who decide to run, generally take the road from Disagreement to Disavowal to Condemnation. This road permits an easy descent, for it lies downhill and is lined with dollar signs to point the way. Scapegoats are tethered at the roadside for anyone desiring to make headway without too great exertion; but the traveler who grows a bit weary may find rewarding rest by reclining against a newspaper column or relaxing in a university chair. Refreshments may be had in the form of stoolpigeons' eggs, any style, or red herring cooked to order. After passing by some abandoned principles and several deserted causes the traveler arrives at his destination, Avernus. He usually gets there during the night, but can rarely make suitable sleeping arrangements. That's the Hell of it!

P. V. Mars

HAVE YOU RENEWED?
DO IT TODAY!

Will Washington defy world horror at Rosenberg death decision?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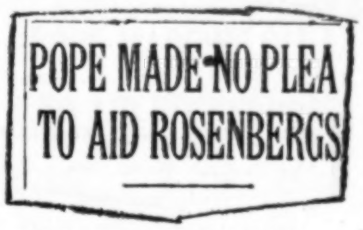
TO AID ROSENBERGS;
PLEA ONE OF MERCY

N. Y. Times, Feb. 14, 1953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N. Y. Times, Feb. 15, 1953

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golf since noon at the Burning Tree Club with Gen. Omar Bradley.

The vigil is planned by the natl. committee to be a repetition in part of the 21-day, 21-night vigil which ended three days before Truman's administration—but with emphasis on mass demonstrations, participated in by thousands from all parts of the country. The next big mobilization is scheduled for this week-end, including Washington's Birthday.

Radio and press tried to play down the size of the opening demonstration, giving the number participating at 500-750. The Washington **Star** figure of 2,000 was verified by the GUARDIAN.

FOREST OF SIGNS: Some 700 came on a special train from New York; another 250 by auto and bus from New England and New York. Delegations came from East Coast cities including Philadelphia and Baltimore. Many Washingtonians joined the marchers.

Not long after Rev. Williamson's opening prayer, Metropolitan Police Inspector George R. Wallrodt ordered the picket line halved, moving part of the marchers from the Pennsylvania Av. sidewalk to a sidewalk across Executive Av. from the White House's east entrance. This lessened the mass effect, but the marchers were determined to have no avoidable trouble with the police. Two hundred signs dotted the line, including:

- Professor Einstein says he has grave doubts.
- "The sentence is excessive and cruel"—**The Churchman.**
- Mr. President, 3,000 ministers have appealed to you.
- The **Jewish Examiner:** "The punishment of the Rosenbergs is extremely harsh."
- The Electric Chair can't kill the doubts in the Rosenberg Case.
- The Court of Appeals says a new trial should have been granted.
- **Afro-American** says there are grave doubts in the case.
- "Justice in the U. S. must not be more vindictive than in other countries"—**Jewish Chronicle.**

"THEY MUST NOT DIE": Onlookers gathered as the long march for life began. A cop said: "You'll either have to join the line or move on." One voice replied: "Maybe I will join at that," but its owner moved on.

At 2:30 David Alman, exec. secy. of the natl. committee, asked Secret Service guards at the northwest gate to send in a statement to the President. They refused. News cameras began grinding. Rev. Williamson joined Alman in his demand. Finally the guards called a messenger. The statement said thousands of appeals, motivated by a desire for justice, have been made by Americans and citizens of other countries for clemency. It continued:

> The distressing fact that the appeal for mercy by Pope Pius XII was not brought to your attention raises serious fears that many significant pleas were not made available to you before you reached your decision on executive clemency. . . . We respectfully urge that, in the light of these circumstances, which have arisen through no fault of the Chief Executive, you give renewed consideration to the appeals for commutation. . . .

Young girls at either end of the clemency processions handed out 250,000 leaflets declaring: "We appeal to your conscience—they must not die while doubt remains."

"WE CAN WIN": Such was the determination that more than 100 pilgrims, who had planned to return home Saturday night, made last-minute requests for housing after the vigil had run several hours. They joined about 500 others. Emily Alman told 300 who were staying over:

> "When you do go home, spread the word that everybody in town must come back here next week-end. And come back yourself. The days are numbered. But we can win."

An anonymous pilgrim in the back of Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Sts., Northwest, only meeting place which would open its doors to clemency delegates, spoke up: "Didn't we agree we'd never meet without raising money?"

Mrs. Alman agreed; the vigil was started with only $800 in the national treasury, she said. Somebody borrowed a hat. The pilgrims, who already had dug deep to finance their journey here, contributed more than $375.

It rained on Sunday, but the President went to the National Presbyterian church for 9 a.m. services. As he left and as he returned, a strong line was still marching in front of the executive mansion, marching for clemency.

Paris

Bitter disillusion sweeps all France

GUARDIAN special cable

FRENCH public opinion—labor, artists, professions, Catholics and Protestants—is stunned by Eisenhower's blunt rejection of clemency pleas for the Rosenbergs. The U. S. Embassy is being flooded with deputations from every sector of the population, and thousands of appeals are being cabled to the White House by individuals and groups including veterans who fought under Eisenhower. Even the staunchest supporters of the Atlantic alliance have protested against what the extreme right-wing political editor of **Figaro,** Remy Roure, in a page 1 article calls

> . . . a heavy mistake. . . . Freedom's cause would be better served by greater generosity. Britain has freed the convicted Klaus Fuchs without endangering its free democracy. Indeed, democracies do have the right of self-defense—but they do not have the right to deny their own basic principles.

"COLD-WAR REQUIREMENTS": Millions of French Catholics were particularly impressed by the Vatican announcement that the Pope had vainly appealed for clemency. The average Frenchman's view was summed up in the middle-road, anti-communist daily **Combat** which front-paged an editorial bitterly contrasting

> . . . the concern which so many associations in the free U.S. show in preventing cruelty to animals, with the fact that their sensitive fastidiousness does not extend to sparing two human beings the anguish of their imminent death.

Summing up the flimsiness of the evidence, **Combat** said the conviction resulted only from

> . . . cold-war requirements and hysteria whipped up by the witch-hunt. . . . Such is the decision of the new President of whose kindly smile we have heard so much praise. Europe will henceforward be aware of what is hiding behind that smile.

This bitter disillusionment keynotes comments everywhere in France—including the Gaullist newspaper chain—causing what the progressive daily **Liberation** calls "a storm of indignation stronger than the gales raging for weeks over West Europe." Labor unions jointly with other groups are organizing meetings throughout the country, culminating here in a mass rally for a final clemency appeal Tuesday in the huge Velodrome d'Hiver, Paris' Madison Sq. Garden.

London

100's renew clemency plea in Embassy march

By Gordon Schaffer

SEVERAL hundred marched through rain and sleet here today (Sat., Feb. 14) to carry the Rosenberg appeal to the U. S. Embassy. Police accompanying the marchers and waiting in side roads stopped the procession near the Embassy—but let a delegation of six into Grosvenor Square.

At the Embassy a U. S. Marine opened the iron grille of the door and eventually agreed to deliver the delegation's message renewing the appeal for clemency. Police have refused to allow anyone to remain in the Square, but nevertheless the Committee to Save the Rosenbergs intends organizing Embassy pickets all week long.

The Committee reports a stream of resolutions from a wide variety of organizations, reflecting the big effect of the Pope's intercession. Labour MP Fenner Brockway has cabled a personal appeal to President Eisenhower.

Sing Sing Prison

'We are innocent —we swear it'

By Michael Rosenberg

MANNY BLOCH took me and my brother Robbie to see our parents in the Death House Saturday. I had just been reading President Eisenhower's statement where he says their "deliberate betrayal of the entire nation could very well result in the death of many, many thousands of innocent citizens."

The first thing I said was: "Are you innocent?" Mommy said: "We are and we swear it on the Bible. Do you think we would go through all this suffering if we were not?"

Well, it's unlucky that they picked the Rosenbergs because boy, they're fighters. We played together a bit, and Manny talked to them about the Pope, and afterwards explained to me who the Pope is.

My brother and I think our parents are two of the finest people in the world.

How word came to the death house; victim's fate now 'in people's hands'

LATE Wednesday afternoon Ethel and Julius Rosenberg—sentenced to die as "atom spies"—were listening to a radio program in their cells in Sing Sing's death house. They had no way to know that another act in their long and worldwide fight for life was coming to a swift end as the music played.

At 4:30 that afternoon Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. had delivered to President Eisenhower the results of a month-long study of the case records and his own and Pardon Atty. Daniel M. Lyons' recommendations on the plea for executive clemency. At 5:03 P. M.—a good half-hour later—the President announced his 326-word statement, a document that could not have been written in the time between Brownell's arrival and its release. It concluded:

> . . . I am determined that it is my duty, in the interest of the people of the United States, not to set aside the verdict of their representatives.

MOBILIZATION: At 5:20, less than an hour since Brownell's arrival at the White House, the music on Sing Sing's death-house radio stopped abruptly and the President's decision upholding the death sentence was announced.

The press quoted prison personnel as saying the couple showed no emotion.

But others did. Within a few hours an emergency meeting was in session in the New York headquarters of the Natl. Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Many came from other Eastern Seaboard cities. For their first move to rouse millions in a last-ditch effort to save the couple, they announced a round-the-clock vigil at the White House that began Saturday afternoon. Many worked all through Wednesday night on planning and organization; Thursday—Lincoln's Birthday—hundreds of volunteers in New York and other cities worked without stop to rally participants for the trek to Washington. Because of the holiday—official celebration orators failed to note the irony of Eisenhower's harsh decision on the eve of the great humanitarian's anniversary—most job presses in New York were shut down; a friendly printer with an emergency crew worked into the night to produce on a hand-operated proof-press posters announcing the vigil.

THE PEOPLE MUST SAY: The Wednesday night emergency meeting said:

> It is clear that life or death for the Rosenbergs is now in the hands of the American people. The President must immediately be told by the people that his death decree is in disregard of their expressed wishes.

Later the committee said:

> Patriotism and mercy motivate the nationwide appeal for clemency. Neither in our eyes nor in the eyes of the peoples of the world do we want our government to stand bereft of fairness.
>
> We believe the Rosenbergs can still obtain Presidential clemency, providing that millions of our fellow-citizens reiterate their sentiments by conveying, by telephone, wire and letter, a plea for reconsideration to President Eisenhower. We urge that the many churches, labor unions and civic-minded organizations do likewise, and further that they send delegations to express their profound convictions to the President in person. In doing so, they will uphold the highest humanitarian traditions of our democracy.

"EARNEST CONSIDERATION": For those who marveled at the speed with which the President made his announcement after receiving the Justice Dept.'s report, the N. Y. **Times'** Anthony Leviero explained that—in the midst of setting up a new administration facing a thousand acute and complex problems—Eisenhower "had been considering the case independently." He

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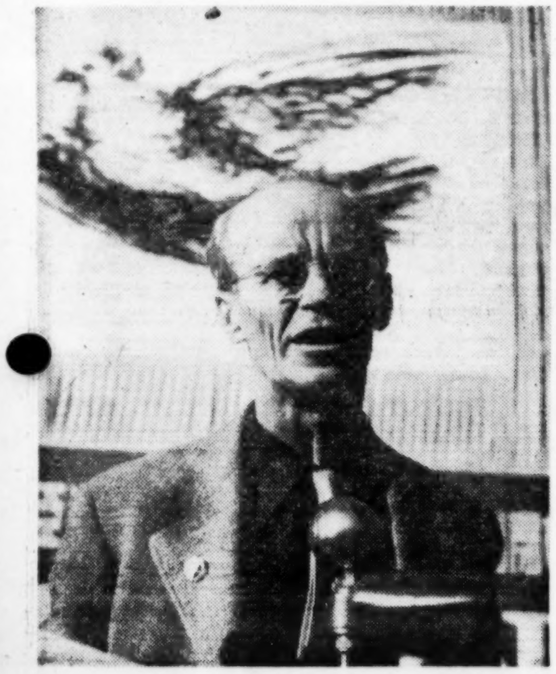
We Saw NEW CHINA

Report of the U.S. Delegation to the Peking Peace Conference

LAST October two American teachers, a machinist, a fruit grower, a building contractor, two artists, two journalists, an office worker, an economist, a social worker, an engineer, a student, flew to Peking to discuss ways to peace with delegates from 37 Asian-Pacific countries totaling two-thirds of the world's population.

As they watched Peking children release a great white cloud of doves, a Chinese student told U. S. student Mary Bonzo: "Our many sufferings in the old China can never be told—famine, flood, child labor, gestapo oppression. Today we are like birds flying freely through the sky. All of our people have stood up."

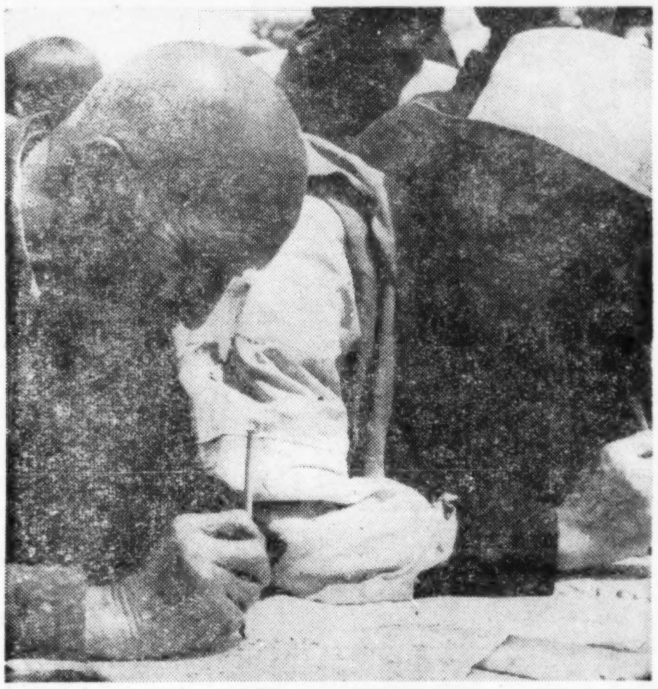
Later this first cross-section of our people to visit the New China saw for themselves what peace means to its 500 million people working together for peace. They reported: "There was no hate campaign anywhere; the children greeted us with flowers and song. But to the generals and diplomats who say American security will be aided by arming Asians against Asians, the people who plough the fields, dig in the mines, say: "Nothing doing.' "



(Above) EAST & WEST: In the Conference Hall garden, Indian delegate Mrs. Mehta with Mrs. Joan Hinton, former atomic scientist in the U.S., now a farm technician in Mongolia.

"WE WANT PEACE": This was the message China's people asked California poet-fruit-grower Hugh Hardyman (left, addressing the conference) to bring home: "Tell Americans we are their friends, that we have our independence at last, that we are sure they believe as we do that all have the right to build up their own countries in peace."

HAPPY CHILDREN: After the Conference the Americans traveled 2,000 miles through the New China, visiting farms, factories, newspaper offices, churches, giant construction projects. This welcome to delegation chairman Louis Wheaton, machinist and trade unionist, was typical of their reception everywhere.

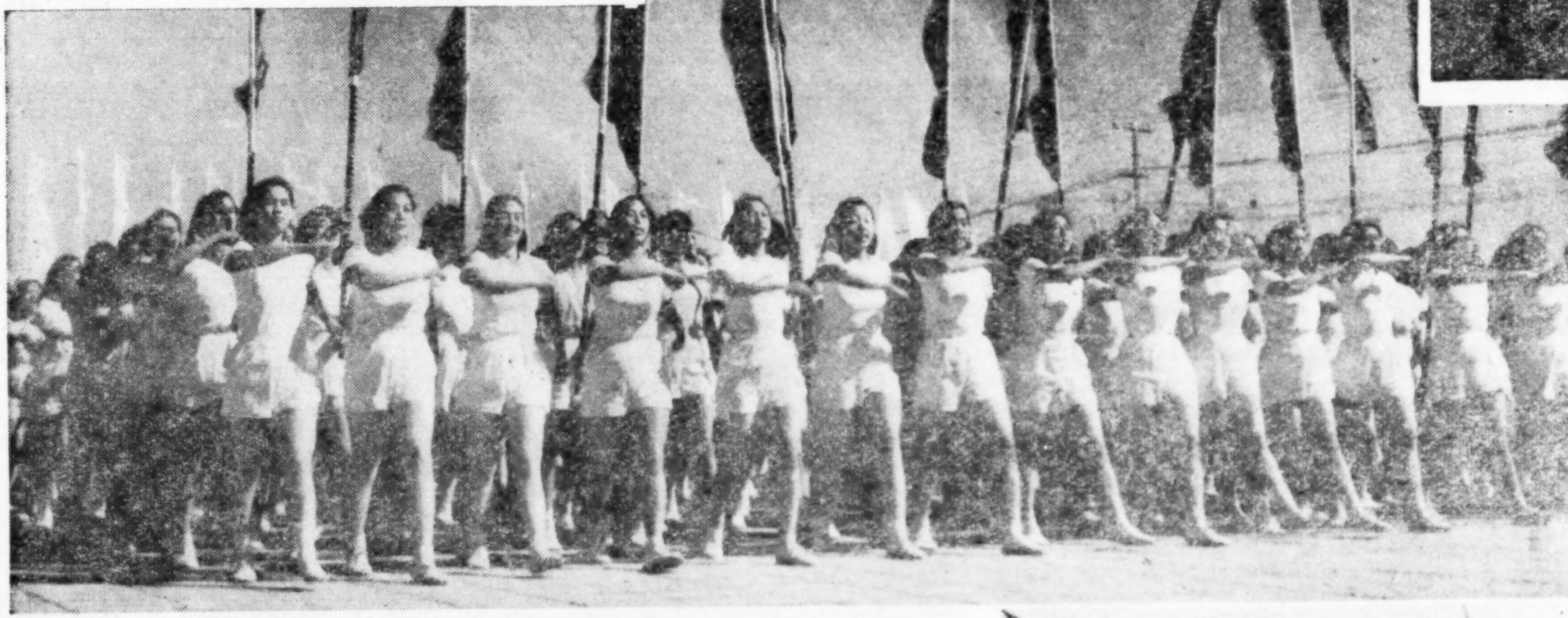


"War only destroys all things good"

THAT is what the people said—and everywhere the visitors saw good things being done joyfully. "Compulsion," said Peking University pres. Dr. Ma Yin-chu—who spent 2 years in concentration camps of his old pupil Chiang Kai-shek—"is a thing we all dislike in China."

Drastic educational changes were made when teachers, now paid as high as cabinet ministers, themselves demanded them. Teachers, peasants, factory workers, shop assistants are all essential—and know it—to democracy's smooth growth. Clean-up campaigns in communities that were immemorial garbage-heaps were launched after every housewife was consulted; dirt, vermin and insects were wiped out with each man, woman and child helping. Police stations have a new function as neighborhood centers providing cleaning materials, help in any emergency. China is now the people's own country.

(Left) An old man learns to write; 50 million took adult courses last year.



NATIONAL DAY PARADE: "I don't like parades," reports artist Anita Willcox, "but never was I more thrilled. In three hours 500,000 rather flowed than marched by, a mighty human river 300 feet wide with floats proudly showing spark plugs, telephone switchboards, a model of a dam."

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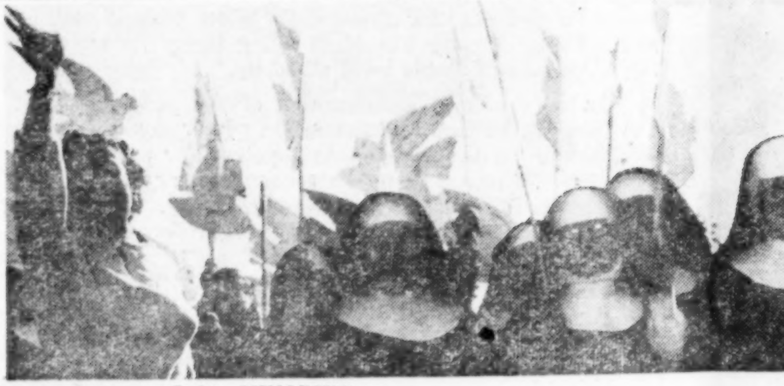

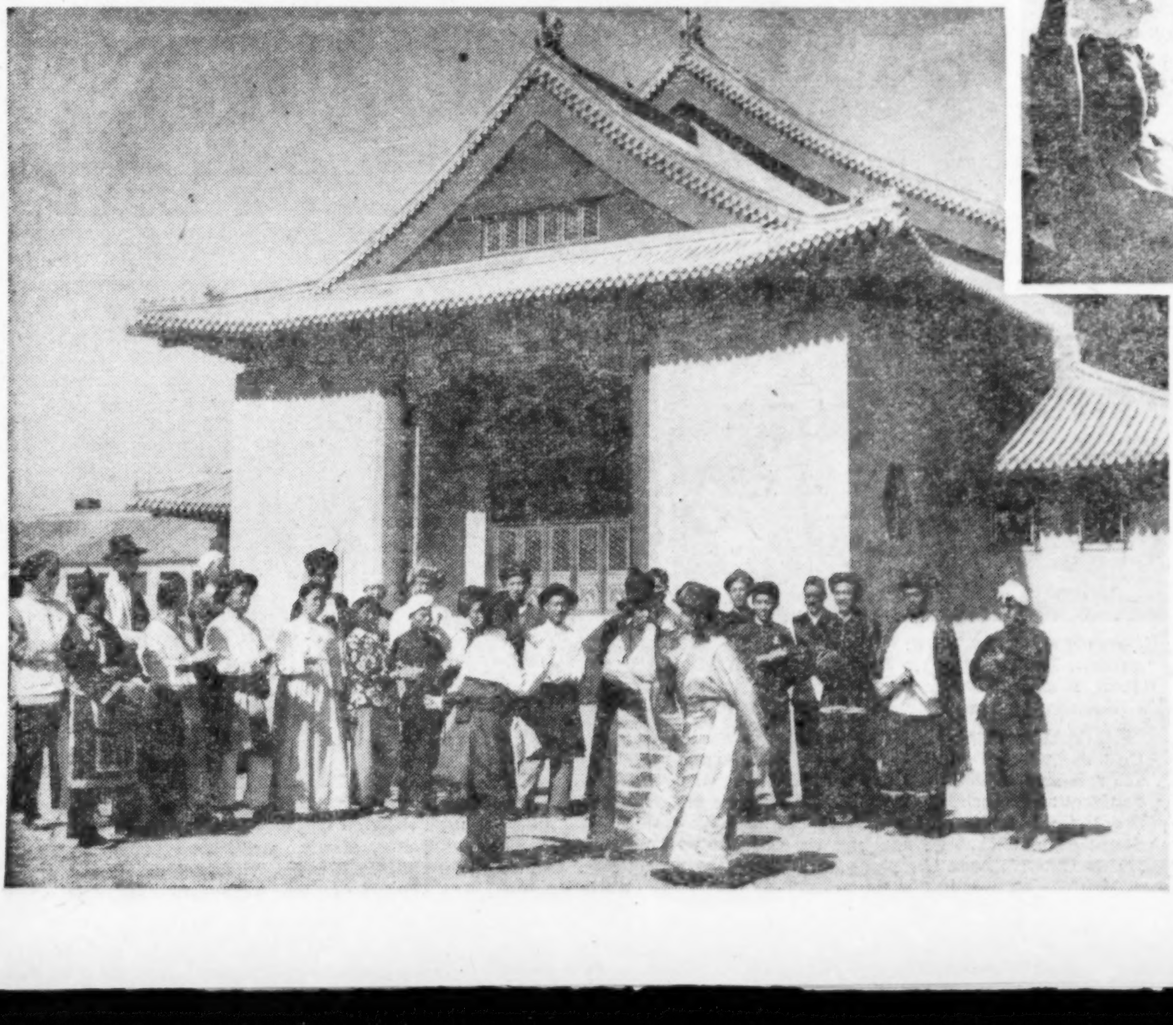

(Left) MINORITY PEOPLES: Office-worker Tomoko Wheaton reported China's minorities totaling 40 million people were formerly so oppressed some have disappeared. Now all groups are equal; 130 autonomous regions have been set up. Interest-free loans enable backward areas to develop their farmland; hospitals are built where doctors were unknown. Hitherto unwritten languages are being worked out by experts. The picture shows minority groups dancing at the new Natl. Minorities College.

(Left) **MAKING PEACE DOVES** to symbolize the frontier-defying brotherhood of peoples at the Conference was a pleasant task for Peking girls and women.

(Above) **OUR LAND, OUR GRAIN:** China's 400 million peasants at last own the land they till. Before 1948 in typical Hsiaohungmen village, visited by U. S. delegates, the 360 poor peasants went hungry, almost naked, illiterate, diseased, while 32 landlords owned ⅔ of the land. Today none can own land who does not work it himself: the 32 landlords are "eliminated" as a class, deprived of civil rights for 3 years, but free to "reform themselves by working." Formerly reduced at times to eating bean-cake meant for fertilizer, the peasants now have white flour, new tools; Co-op store sales rose from $20 to $300-500 a day in 2 years.

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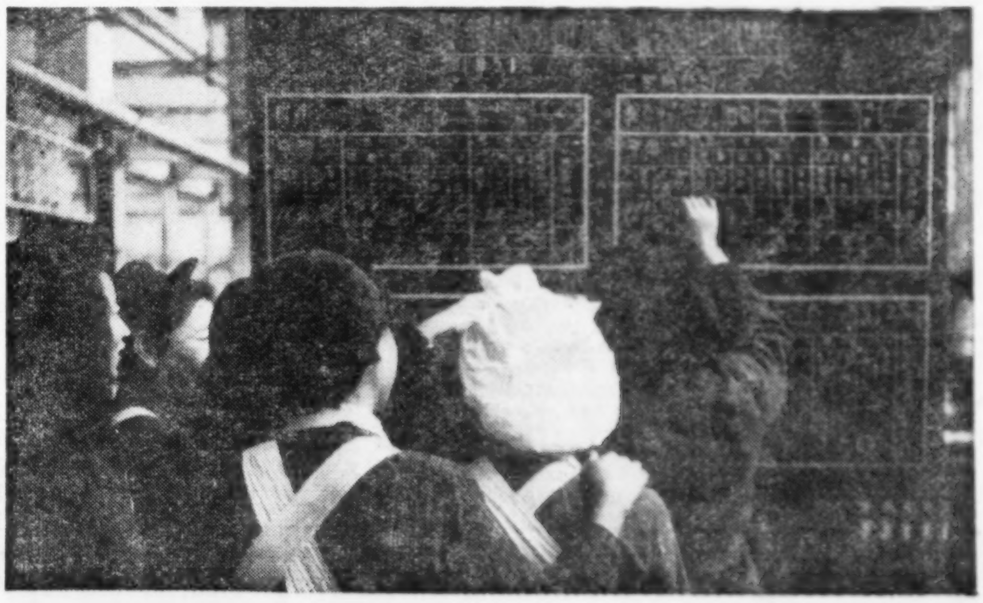
BOUNDLESS HOPE: Some industrial workers wept as they told delegate Wheaton of their bitter former life, akin to Negro slaves in U. S. Now 7,300,000 united in the All-China Labor Fedn. know boundless hope, with a mass literacy campaign under way, wages doubled and trebled in stable currency, 100% health, old age and security benefits, full equality for women. Men like these—discussing new work techniques to raise production—said: "For steady work, decent living, a rich life for our children, we demand peace. We are sure the U. S. workers want the same things."

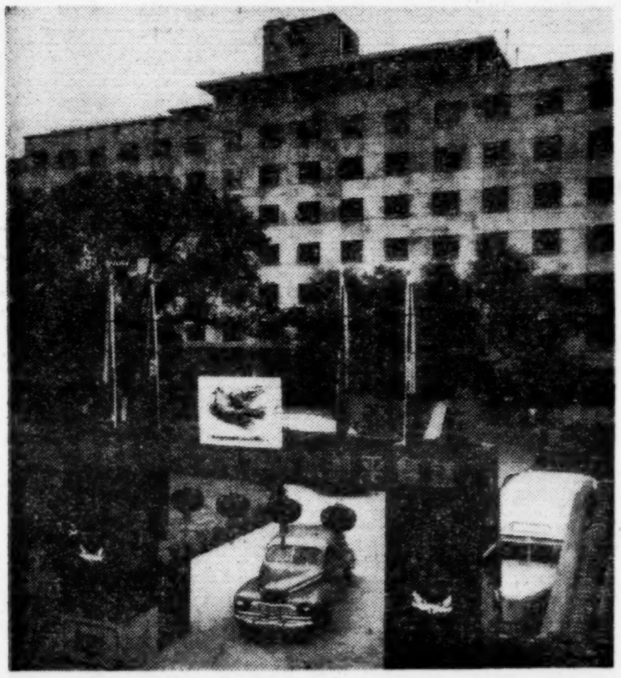
(Left) **NEW CLOTH:** For the first time, peasant women can buy it for the family.

(Right) **PRIVATE INDUSTRY BOOMS:** Workers in a privately-owned textile mill compete to raise production. Stagnant under Chiang, private industry now flourishes, reported economist Harold Fletcher. About 75% of retail trade, 70% of light and 20% of heavy industry remains in private hands. Assured of raw materials, credit and profit, with taxation rationalized and purchasing power soaring, owners see expansion in coming years although total nationalization will come eventually.

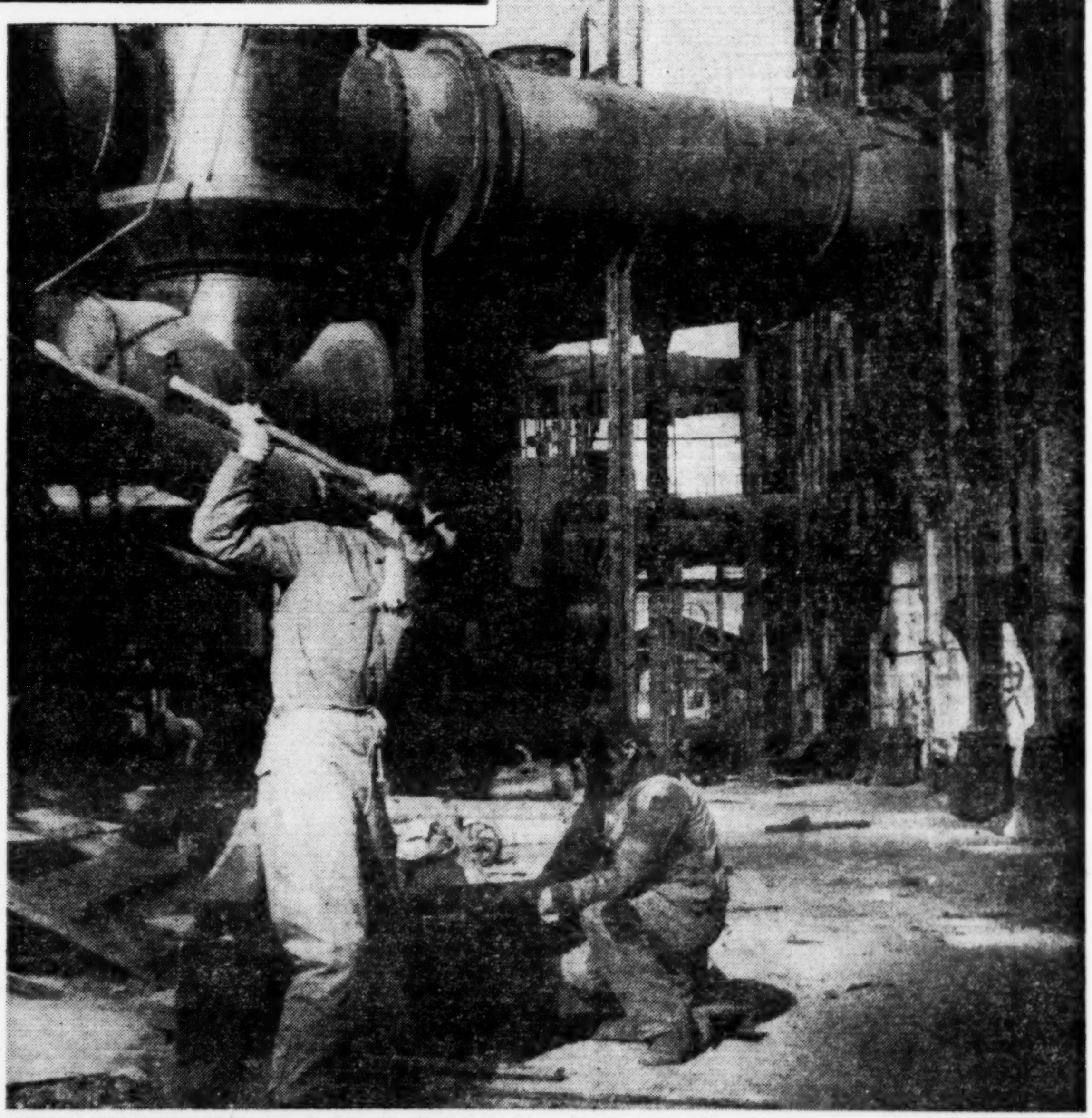


HOMES FOR HOVELS: Thousands of workers who formerly lived in hovels and mud huts are moving into housing projects of a type never before contemplated in China. By the end of this year 20,000 families will have been rehoused in the Tsaoyang Village project in Shanghai (where delegates Hardyman and Anita Willcox are seen visiting, above)—in clear airy apartments at rentals from 5-7% of tenants' income.

(Above) **THE PEOPLE DANCE & SING:** While 10 million men with primitive equipment complete the gigantic Huai River project which will end floods affecting 60 million people, irrigate millions of acres, they sing to music provided by amateur workers' groups. Cultural workers have broadened their outlook to develop the people's creativeness, learn from them at the same time, reported artists Edwin Cerney and Lewis Suzuki. Poems, songs, plays, paintings, sculpture, movies are developed to educate people as to their new rights and opportunities, inspire them in rebuilding their land, reclaim China's own cultural tradition. Hundreds of actors, dancers, orchestra troupes tour the country performing for workers and farmers.



"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE" to the Chinese, reported N. Y. building contractor Henry Willcox. Completion of the Peace Hotel (above), where the delegates stayed, was rushed in two months; the same work would take six here. Supervising engineer Yang praised the suggestions for solving critical problems made by the 900 men on the job. A week before delegates arrived, 100-ft. scaffolding surrounded the building; they found it furnished, immaculate, complete with elevators, curtains, linen and china and silverware marked with Picasso's dove of peace. Commented Willcox: "I have been putting up buildings for 40 years, and I am frankly stumped by the speed of this job."



CHINA INDUSTRIALIZES: A giant oil-cracking plant in Fushun, Manchuria. Steel mills and heavy industries now supply rails and locomotives for a modern communications system; China's own machine-tool industry is rapidly expanding while first-class equipment is imported from the U. S. S. R. and E. Europe. Vast training programs for engineers and technicians are under way. Modern factories turn out textiles, paper, flour, soap, with equipment wholly produced in China. Reported engineer Walter Illsley who visited many such plants: "The industrialization of China cannot be stopped, since the country possesses all the essential requirements: man-power, raw materials, initial machine-tool industry. The U. S. does not own or control the world supply of industrial equipment, and thus cannot prevent China obtaining it."

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Rosenbergs

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had "reasoned that the crime [had] frightful implications in the atomic age" and therefore was left to consider only if "the Rosenbergs had received the benefit of every legal right available to any citizen." (In his own statement Eisenhower stressed his personal "earnest consideration, careful examination" of the records which made him "satisfied that the two individuals have been accorded full measure of justice.")

In fact, the measure of justice accorded the Rosenbergs was far from full. Held in abeyance during Judge Kaufman's stay of execution to permit the clemency appeal to the President was an appeal to the Supreme Court from a lower court denial of a new trial. Defense atty. Emanuel H. Bloch insisted that the President's decision

> ". . . does not end this matter at all. There will be plenty of struggle yet."

BLACKOUT CONTINUES: For the nation's commercial press, a "Communist propaganda campaign" around the Rosenberg Case was beaten. (The fact that the independent **GUARDIAN** sparked the defense campaign, and that it is primarily based on glaring lack of proof of guilt, continued to be blacked out. All but two or three U.S. papers have rejected ads explaining the defense position.)

From coast to coast newspapers studiously sought to make further protest seem futile with headlines like these:

> ROSENBERGS DOOMED . . . (N. Y. **Daily Mirror**).
> ROSENBERGS, STILL SILENT, WAIT DOOM . . . (N. Y. **Post**).

BLOCH MOVES FOR STAY: A continuation of the legal struggle began Friday, when Bloch sought from Circuit Court Judge Augustus Hand an order upon the government to show cause why a stay of execution should not be granted. The judge said he would convene the full court Tuesday morning, when another motion for a stay was argued.

Also on Friday Bloch appeared before Judge Irving R. Kaufman to appeal for a new execution date not to be set in less than 4-8 weeks, to allow time for the appeal to the Supreme Court. U.S. Atty. Myles Lane called the request "another dilatory tactic to defeat the ends of justice," and Kaufman commented:

> "I do not think any purpose would be served by further delay, except to increase the mental anguish of the defendants and possibly to raise false hopes for them."

On Monday he set an execution date for the week of March 9, only three weeks away. Kaufman complained that protests have

> ". . . stepped up both in temper and in tempo since the ruling of President Eisenhower. It is the most amazing thing, the way telegrams and telephone calls come into my chambers."

NEW TRIAL GROUNDS: The appeal to the Supreme Court, from a ruling by Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan refusing a new trial, is on these major grounds:

- That government-inspired publicity before and during the trial created such prejudice that a fair trial was impossible;
- That David Greenglass, Ethel's brother and the government's star witness whose testimony was uncorroborated, perjured himself (for his part in convicting his sister and brother-in-law he got off with a 15-year sentence);
- That the prosecution admitted its witness Ben Schneider, a passport photographer, committed perjury on the stand. He testified he had not seen the Rosenbergs from the time he photographed them some months earlier to the time he took the stand; later the government by affidavit confessed he had been illegally taken into the courtroom to see the Rosenbergs the day before he testified.
- That depositions and affidavits by top physicists prove there were no atomic secrets.

The U.S. Court of Appeals had upheld Judge Ryan's denial of a new trial, but in so doing criticized the prosecution tactics in terms of harshness rarely used in the sedate language of the law. The court further stated that had a new trial been demanded at the time, it should have been granted.

CRIME—"OBDURACY": A few welcomed the President's verdict of death. **UP**, in a report from Kansas City, quoted ex-President Harry Truman as saying Eisenhower "did the right thing." The N. Y. **Times** approved, had this to say of the defendants who steadfastly maintain their innocence:

> Their attitude from the start was, and remains, defiant, obdurate and unrepentant.

But millions here and abroad were shocked. Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Loomer, Dean of Chicago University's School of Theology, made public a letter of clemency to Eisenhower on behalf of 2,258 clergymen representing 28 communions in all 48 states and D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico. Dean Loomer asked an appointment with the President "at which some of our number can present to you personally the considerations which moved us to join in a common plea for mercy."

From Boston went a clemency plea to the President signed by 88 clergymen in that city:

> In firm faith that man's highest calling is "to do justly, to love mercy and to walk with thy God," we earnestly ask you to commute the death sentence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

'We charge a plot to murder us'

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg issued this statement to the press at Sing Sing prison Saturday, through their attorney Emanuel H. Bloch.

WE acknowledged with deep humility and gratitude His Holiness' appeal for executive clemency on our behalf. We also wish to take this occasion to express once again our heartfelt thanks to all the millions throughout the world who have rallied to our support.

The exposure of the deliberate concealment of Pope Pius' sentiments from both President Eisenhower and ex-President Truman is dramatic confirmation of the fraud that has been practiced in our proceedings from the start. We are convinced that, just as the case against us was a frame-up, other vital material was purposely withheld from the respective Presidents. Obviously President Eisenhower was misled when he stated that we had "exercised all rights of appeal." The truth is that at this very moment we are pursuing an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from a denial of our application to set aside our conviction because they were obtained by the knowing use of perjury and by other illegal means.

We charge a conspiracy to murder us in violation of God's law and the laws of our nation. The truth will smash this conspiracy. We are confident that President Eisenhower will reconsider his decision and punish the perpetrators of this foul play. We likewise have confidence that the courts will eventually recognize our victimization and provide us the opportunity to vindicate ourselves.

If we die, we will die with proud hearts and clear consciences.

Julius Rosenberg
Ethel Rosenberg

U. S. readied for new blood tribute

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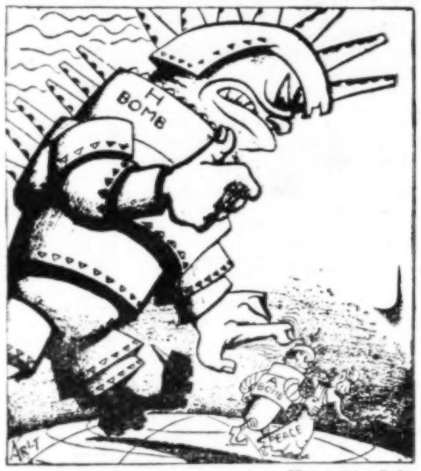
and the lid of "extraordinary secrecy" (N.Y. **Times**, 2/14) clamped by Secy. Dulles on all present and future Administration discussions with Congress about Far East policy.

- Testimony by Chief of Staff Bradley and Secy. Dulles to the Senate Foreign Relations Comm. allegedly designed to quiet war fears at home and abroad. Despite "extraordinary secrecy" restrictions, the press said Dulles had promised no precipitate moves were now contemplated; that, if any were, the Allies would be consulted in advance. Bradley reportedly "disillusioned" Senators about a blockade.

"SHEER NONSENSE": Walter Millis (**NYHT**, 2/9) found in the Great Debate's first week "more sheer nonsense about American diplomatic and military power than in any comparable period in the past." He said "international armchair experts" lacked any idea of how to use U.S. military power, what political effects they hope to achieve, any realization that while "some things can be accomplished by the application to international affairs of jellied gasoline, flame throwers," etc., other things cannot.



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"Go home, Junior—I'll take care of the lady."

But there was purpose in the madness. The debate undoubtedly reflected, as Millis suggested, the frustration and confusion resulting from U.S. inability to win its Korean War and the widespread fears here and abroad of a bigger war in Asia. But by the week-end it was clear the Administration was playing on these confusions and fears to win public support for what **the Alsops** (2/13) called

> . . . a major national effort, involving the major risks of a wider war in the Far East [which] will now be necessary.

"GET USED TO IT": Peter Edson (**N.Y. World-Telegram, 2/13**) explained that open talk of "additional measures" in the Far East since Eisenhower's return from Korea was intended

> . . . to let the American people and the leaders and people of other United Nations . . . get used to the idea they represent [since] any new actions in the Pacific must have the support of the people at home, as increased casualties may be involved.

Talk of blockade, bombing, atomic weapons as easy nostrums was followed by "obviously calculated 'leaks' designed to show the gravity of the questions involved" (**Ned Russell, NYHT, 2/12**). "Calculated leaks" from Bradley's testimony were designed to show that "no single cheap expedient" can do the job (Alsops, 2/13), that blockade must be part of an overall program.

"Calculated leaks" from Van Fleet's headquarters said he would tell Congressional Committees who have called him to testify that the draft must be extended from two to three years, rotation policy changed, war supplies speeded up, probably requiring Congress

> . . . to appropriate greater funds so the entire defense program could be stepped up. . . . [His testimony would not differ much from Bradley's] as to how much the U.S. would have to sacrifice (**NYT**, 2/15).

MORE "LIBERATION": Another "calculated leak" was the Alsops' revelation (2/11) of the disastrous 1951 attempt by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to sponsor and lead an invasion of Southwest China by the 12,000-man Chinese Nationalist Army of Gen. Li Mi. The Alsops used this adventure—vigorously denied by Secy. Acheson at the time—to show the falseness of Chiang claims of millions of anti-Communist guerrillas. Declaring that U.S. experts put their number at less than 200,000, the Alsops made the point that Chiang can and will only attack if the U.S. collaborates with him "as an equal partner, and that is likely to mean full-scale war."

NYT's Washington correspondent **James Reston** was even clearer (2/15):

- Eisenhower will "consult" the Allies before any "important" moves but "will not wait their approval."
- Eisenhower's announced policy is "liberation" of China, that is, destruction of Communist China.
- All "kinds of propaganda feints are being made," but "this is no mere war of nerves. Not only are all sorts of military and naval schemes under consideration, but certain specific moves, including at least one new military move, have been planned and approved. Beyond that one cannot go."

Next day, criticizing Adlai Stevenson's speech in which he chided Secy. Dulles for his blunt warning to U.S. allies, Reston said that Stevenson did not know what was behind the warning or "the Eisenhower plan for East Asia." Reston added:

> This is a solemn moment in the development of American foreign policy. Events of the most serious consequence are in the making. Decisions of great importance have already been taken, involving military risks, and it is essential that the leader of the Democratic party be informed of what these decisions are.

Europe 'will not follow U.S. into another war'

THE disclosure that Pope Pius had interceded for the Rosenbergs, and Washington's affront to its most important world ally—the Vatican—in not even giving the plea casual attention, came just after Secy. Dulles' return from his European tour. It seemed to symbolize the attitude the new Administration intends to take with its unhappy allies everywhere: Take the orders that go with the dollars—follow our policies—or be damned.

But from Left to Right in the allied countries, the people and press were kicking harder than ever under Washington's merciless pressure toward another world war. Leading commentators in Paris' conservative **Le Monde** (2/6, 2/8) wrote:

> We shall be unable to follow the U.S. into a possible general war with China; we shall refuse to let the U.S. forge an ever-growing number of German divisions in Europe.
>
> . . . America would do well to reflect twice. . . . For the peoples of Europe cannot accept such a policy. A third world war . . . would bring the final annihilation of Europe. This is known to all Europeans who will never accept a general war unless there is Russian aggression. No propaganda, no threats can modify this.

London's 5,000,000-circulation **Sunday Pictorial**, in an editorial letter to Eisenhower headed "Think Again, Ike" called his first 19 days in office

> . . . .disastrous. They have caused a crisis between Britain and the U.S. They have heightened the danger of World War III. They have lost the Western democracies the sympathy of millions of people in Asia. Your travelling salesman for the Big Stick, Mr. Dulles, has been visiting Europe. His language has been not that of a friend and partner **but that of a boss.** . . . We will NOT be dragged into a war with China. We will NOT be pushed along a road that makes another world war more likely.

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SUN., FEB. 22, 8:30 P.M. Forum: "The Cult of Violence & Sex in America." Speakers: **ALBERT KAHN & VIOLA BROTHERS SHORE.** Discussion. Social Hour, at new ASP home, 35 W. 64th St. Cont. 85c, refreshments included.

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CELEBRATE BROTHERHOOD. Sat., Feb. 28, 8:30 p.m., with Polly & Jimmy Rogers, dancers; Dorothy Richards, soprano; Freedom Chorus at E. Flatbush Club, ALP, 5105 Church Av. (B'klyn). Cont. 75c.

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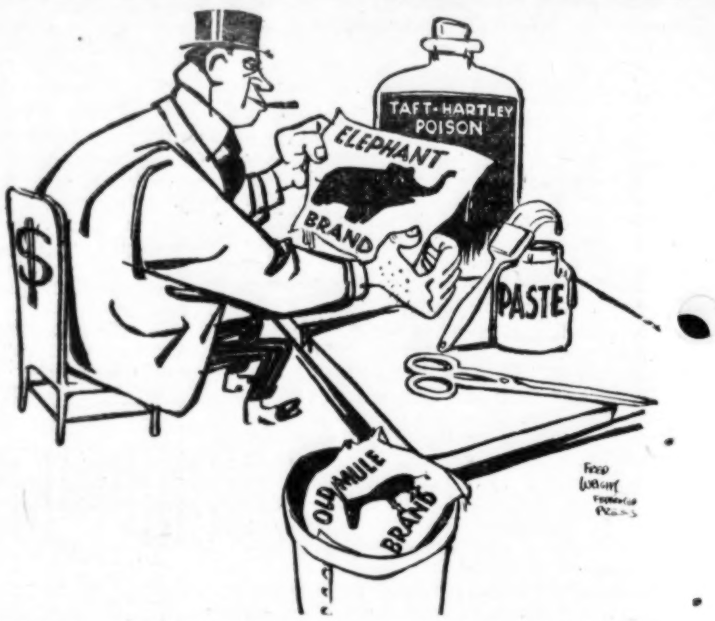

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STORM OVER 'RED ANTI-SEMITISM'

Pogromist becomes Jews' 'champion' as Moscow breaks with Israel

WORLD peace went one step further into the shadows last week when, following the bombing of the Soviet Embassy in Tel Aviv, the U.S.S.R. broke off relations with Israel which it had been one of the first to sponsor for UN membership five years ago. Simultaneously, charges of "Iron Curtain anti-Semitism"—the West's no. 1 ideological cold-war weapon since Czechoslovakia convicted and hanged several prominent Jewish citizens for treasonous activities with Zionist organizations and the Israel Intelligence Service—were intensified. Latest developments:

- The Jewish Agency for Palestine announced a 38-nation conference of Jewish leaders for Mar. 11 "to consider the implications of Soviet anti-Semitism, evolve unified plans to combat it";
- 49 U.S. liberals including Nobel Prize winner Emily Greene Balch, **Nation** editor Freda Kirchwey, Natl. Farmers Union's James Patton, Walter White, Mrs. Wendell Willkie, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and several bishops called on Eisenhower and UN for "action to save the 2,500,000 E. European Jews threatened by Soviet-sponsored anti-Semitism"

(The U.S., with the world's largest Jewish population, has not one Jew—or Negro—in the Administration; in E. European countries Jews occupy many highest posts; one of three in the U.S.S.R.'s CP Central Comm., Lev Mekhlis, 64, died Friday after a long illness, was buried with top honors.)

("Brotherhood Week" was opened in the U.S. Sunday with presentation of a "Brotherhood Award" by American Jewish Congress pres. Rabbi Israel Goldstein to John J. McCloy, former U.S. High Commissioner in Germany who liberated Buchenwald lampshade-maker Ilse Koch.)

A POGROMIST TO THE RESCUE: A weird quality was lent to the excitement by the emergence of Gen. Rafael Trujillo—"strong man," former President and now UN delegate of the Dominican Republic (half of a West Indian island, with a population ⅔ of Brooklyn's)—as champion of the Jews who would raise the issue in UN's next session. Trujillo is noted for his "bloodbath" of Oct., 1937, when (according to Quentin Reynolds' on-the-spot report for **Colliers**) his forces killed 15-20,000 Haitians in two nights and a day. Of that pogrom Albert C. Hicks wrote in **Blood on the Streets:**

> [Haitians were] hacked to death with machetes, stabbed to death with knives, shot with Krag rifles, Haitian homes raided, whole families wiped out, babies beaten to death against trees and sides of houses, tossed on bayonets.

POLAND PROTESTS: Meanwhile a Dec. 19 note from the Polish government to the Israeli Legation in Warsaw—the fourth note on the same subject sent since Nov., 1951, but couched in moderate but firm language—shed some light on the manner in which Israeli diplomats are allegedly masking subversive political behind religious activities in socialist countries. The note pointed out that representaion of Israel and its citizens was the Legation's proper function, but charged it with

> . . . illegally claiming to have the right to act on behalf of Polish citizens of Jewish origin, contrary to their wishes . . . . The Legation has tried to become an ideological and organizational center for the remnants of Zionist organizations . . . which in recent years have been closely connected with American imperialism and have been carrying out its orders hostile to Poland. . . . The Legation did not hesitate to play upon religious feelings, choosing for their meeting places synagogues . . . as well as demanding from religious congregations that they invite representatives of the Legation. . . . This and the emigration campaign served as a pretext for collecting information concerning . . . the situation in the Western territories, the communications network, the defense strength. . . . The Ministry of Foreign Affairs categorically demands that the Legation desist and respect the laws and practices accepted in international relations. . . .

SOME ANSWERS: In Britain, some of the charges of official anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R. were dealt with in two letters to the **Manchester Guardian** by Andrew Rothstein, leading authority on the Soviet Union (where his father lives and is an Academy of Science member) and former Soviet Institutions lecturer at London University's Slavonic Studies School. In his first letter (1/17) Rothstein wrote:

> . . . Hundreds of thousands of Jews in the U.S.S.R. are living full and increasingly prosperous lives, winning the respect of their fellow-citizens, frequently expressed. . . . Among those awarded Stalin Prizes for work of distinction in March, 1952, Jews had 10 first prizes (150,000 rubles) for science and technology, 22 second prizes (100,000 rubles), 47 third prizes (50,000 rubles); for literature and the arts, 4 first, 6 second, 13 third prizes. Numbering 1% of the population, they had 7% of the awards.
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> It may well be that the Yiddish theater and a Moscow Yiddish newspaper closed down after the war. Your contributors do not apparently know that the overwhelming majority of Moscow Jews speak Russian now, not Yiddish, and the younger generation among them do not even know Yiddish. . . . In Moscow anti-Semitism is punished by law. . . . If any Soviet schools were discovered operating a covert "numerus clausus" against Jewish children, as reputable English public schools are known to do, the head teachersr would face long prison terms. . . .

SOME MORE: The letter drew denunciatory replies from a Prof. Brodetsky, a Chief Rabbi, Dr. A. Cohen and a Mr. Fraenkel. Rothstein then wrote (2/2):

> Since . . . my letter [of] Jan. 17, Soviet newspapers containing the Tass communique "on the arrest of a group of doctor-wreckers" (Jan. 13), and a number of subsequent issues, have come to hand. They present a very different picture from that drawn by some of your correspondents and other Zionists. It is absolutely false that "according to Moscow the Jews are collaborating with the U.S. and Britain" (Brodetsky): not a single suggestion of this is even hinted in the Soviet press. One group of the accused is charged with working through Joint [Joint Dist. Comm.], with the U.S. . . . Not once are "the Jews" mentioned (or anything similar insinuated) in the 23 issues of "Pravda," "Izvestia," "Trud," "Komsomolskaya Pravda," and "Literaturnaya Gazeta" up to Jan. 18. It is absolutely false . . . that the Soviet press is making "constant use of the word 'Jewish' in a sinister context" (the Chief Rabbi). . . .
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> How does it square with "straight, open, unashamed anti-Semitism" (Brodetsky), for example, that the Soviet press—far from abusing the Jews—continues after the Tass communique to give publicity to Jewish people winning distinction in the most varied walks of life? Prof. Goldenweiser attends the Arts Comm. for Stalin Prizes, and T. Roberstein (chairman of the trade union committee) criticizes planning methods. . .. In Dniepropetrovsk (Jan. 13), Emeritus Artist of the Ukraine Rozin writes a two-column appreciation of a workers' dramatic society at Kiev. "Trud" advertises a new technical film . . . by V. Solomonik. L. Weisenberg's new novel is given a favorable review in "Komsomolskaya Pravda," and Raya Nadler's girl basketball team wins the Moscow championship for an engineering factory (Jan. 15). "Literaturnaya Gazeta" prints a profile of Ilya Ehrenburg and "Trud" writes appreciatively of Leonid Ravinsily, chief superdredger at the great Kakhocka building site on the Dnieper (Jan. 17). . . .

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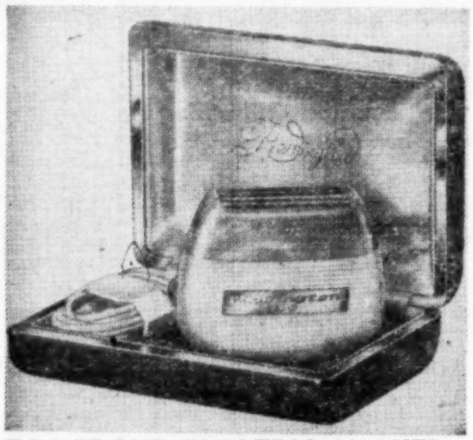

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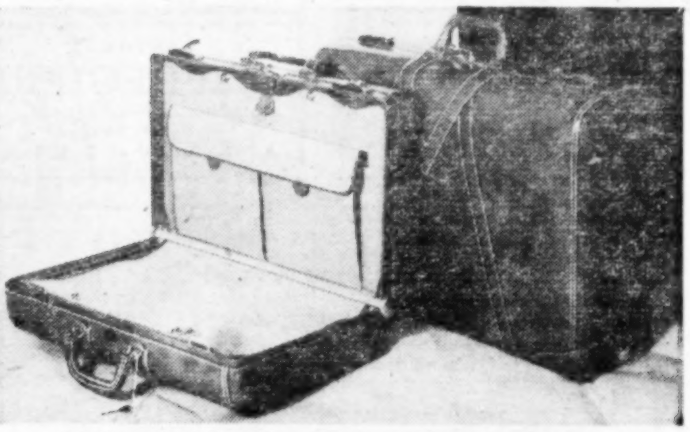

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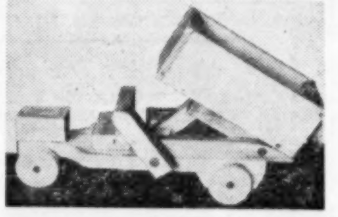

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